

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Commission,

I cannot express my more adamant disapproval of the consideration of expanding auxiliary type operation in the Amateur Radio service. This will lead to a massive abuse of already contested coordinations, co-channel interference, and will necessitate Commission enforcement actions.

I am already aware of several incidents where Amateurs have constructed what they euphemistically called "cross-band repeaters" in order to facilitate remote base operation on the two meter band. One specific operator, in Costa Mesa, California, has caused wide-spread jamming on simplex frequencies for which repeaters weren't allowed in the first place, and ignored the calls of SCORES of fellow Amateurs to cease.

I do not see how this will allow any greater flexibility in the Amateur Service.

The usual ebb and flow of allocations notwithstanding, there is more than adequate spectrum available to American Amateurs now, specifically in the 1.25 meter band from 222MHz to 225MHz. This band is already underutilized.

Furthermore, the technology already exists for manufacturers to put equipment on this allocation with little cost or hindrance. That one has already laid the ground work to field such a system without first making sure that it would be permissible in the market for which it was intended is their own fault. This topic had already been addressed in various US Amateur periodicals, including the American Radio Relay League's "QST" magazine, and was not unknown to even the casual operator.

I ask that the FCC DENY this petition and continue to restrict auxiliary and remote base operation and control to frequencies above 222MHz.

I thank the Commission for this opportunity to participate in the regulatory process.

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